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: IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF FOR REPAIR OF ENDOCHONDRAL BONE AND OSTEOCHONDRAL

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New York, New York November 3, 2003

Hon. Comissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Official Action dated July 1, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before November 3, 2003 (November 1, 2003 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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